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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 August 2001.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1 page

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because Fig. 2 has only boxes to represent elements 21 – 25. These boxes should contain what they represent. For example, in the box labeled 22, “processing means” should be contained therein. Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled “Replacement Sheet” in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Specifically, there does appear to be any mention in the specification of GPS.

Appropriate correction is required.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 – 6, 12, 14, 16 - 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent No. 5,404,580 (Simpson et al.).

Simpson et al. teach an apparatus for implementing at least one operational setting of an interactive electronic device having a reading means, a processing means and a control means as claimed by applicant, the information including at least one device setting, carrier identity information, a storage means, selecting of settings and writing means (See Col. 3, line 56 – Col. 4, line 61, Col. 5, lines 6 – 50, Col. 6, line 48 – Col. 7, line 2, Col. 7, lines 20 – 29 and Col. 7, lines 47 – 65).

Claims 1 – 4 are further rejected along with claims 10 - 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0 865 166 (Kraft). See page 2, lines 45 – 48, page 3, lines 6 – 7, page 4, lines 1 – 58 and page 5, lines 58 – page 6, lines 1 – 4.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simpson et al. Simpson et al. teach a controlling means for various settings of an electronic device and therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use such a means in any electronic device that was deemed appropriate.

Claims 7 – 9 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simpson et al. in view of the instant application.

Simpson et al. teach the claimed device as shown above except for the particulars of the tag. However, the instant application teaches that the particulars of the tags are old in the art (See pages 12 – 13 of the instant application). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have incorporated such old tags, as described in the instant application, into the Simpson device as such would only entail the substitution of one physical carrier data means for another.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent No. 6,405,019 (Murray) – note Abstract.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bill Deane whose telephone number is (703) 306-5838. In addition, facsimile transmissions should be directed to Bill Deane at facsimile number (703) 872-9306.

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